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To: State Directors, Center Directors, and BLM Assistant Directors
Attn: State/Center Chief Information Officers (CIO)

From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: Distribution of Fire Funds for Radio Related Costs in FY 2003

Program Area: Incident Communications - Radios

Purpose: Distribution of fire funding for radio replacement to the states.

Policy/Action: For FY 2003, the fire program has identified these funds by state in accordance with the established process for distribution of overall fire program dollars. This process is known as the Normal Year Readiness (NYR) (formerly known as the Most Efficient Level). The NYR and FY 2003 funding levels breakdown for each state is listed in the table below. Additional funding may be identified during the year and would be distributed using the same formula.

When purchasing radios with these funds, states must ensure the radio equipment is TIA 102 (P-25) compliant, they meet fire requirements, and that **they have been approved by the BLM for fire use**. Priority use of this funding should be for mobiles and handheld radios over infrastructure spending. Infrastructure funding is to be used only for base stations, repeaters, duplexers, or antennas.

All states are reminded that the Department of Interior requires that radio purchases be consolidated. To this purpose, the purchase requirements must be sent to Russ Sveda (WO560D) for Bureau consolidation. To ensure appropriate reporting requirements for fire funds identified in the table are met, the states will forward a copy of all procurement documents itemizing fire fund expenditures to the National Wireless Technology Manager (FA265) for consolidation.

The charge code for purchases is FA265 2851-HT-8505. The project code (8505) must be used on all procurements using the funds listed in the table below. Please include in the description area of all requisitions the credit card number of the purchaser, the state two letter identifier, and the last name of the person submitting the requisition.

State	NYR	FY 2003 Radio Replacement Allocation
Alaska	17.31%	*pending
Arizona	4.6543%	*pending
California	11.0423%	\$220,846
Colorado	6.0430%	\$120,860
Eastern States	0.0000%	\$0
Idaho	12.3059%	\$246,118
Montana	6.7837%	\$135,674
Nevada	14.4213%	\$288,426
New Mexico	3.3757%	*pending
Oregon	12.0321%	\$240,642
Utah	8.2111%	\$164,222
Wyoming	3.8220%	\$76,440

* AK, AZ and NM funds pending further review.

Timeframe: Effective immediately, cutoff date for spending will adhere to the established cutoff dates for acquisitions.

Budget Impact: High. State offices are waiting for this distribution to begin procurements.

Background: Congress has mandated a complete restructuring of the federal radio frequency spectrum within the United States. As a result of this mandate, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) required all federal radios be Anarrowbanded@ by January 1, 2005.

Manual/Handbook Sections Affected: None.

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